

## Partners to the End

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One day when Colonel Day came back to his top story room at Mrs. Wilkins' rooming house he found the room next to his occupied. It had been vacant for a year, and the colonel was not only curious, but nettled. The garret of the house was divided into two rooms, and his was one, and he had never even looked into the other, but as he had so long been the sole tenant of the top story he felt that he ought to have been consulted as to a new-comer. When he heard a person moving around in the other half of his domain he went down to Mrs. Wilkins.

The colonel was a man of sixty. He had threadbare garments and an empty purse. While he occupied the cheapest room in the house, it was well known that he was often hard put to pay his rent, while his meals were always taken at the cheapest restaurants. He was a man of dignity and education, and that he had once occupied a place in the world could not be doubted.

"Mrs. Wilkins," began the colonel as he entered the landlady's presence, "I take it that you have rented the other room, and to a female at that?"

"Yes, colonel, but it is to a young woman who is trying hard to make a living."

"But you should have consulted me. I have been with you for a year, and I should have to remove to other quarters, but please remember that I have certain rights and privileges, and they are not to be abrogated without my consent. I will think it over and consider what steps to take."

Five minutes later he knocked on the door of the other room, and it was opened to him by a young woman of about twenty-five. He bowed stiffly, and she drew aside as an invitation for him to enter. As he looked around the room he saw a cheap old trunk on the floor and a few poor articles of wearing apparel hanging up on the nails driven into the wall. A second glance into the young woman's face told him that she had consumption.

"I came here to ask you why you rented this room," he said as his face softened a little, "but I can see without asking. Miss, let us shake hands."

"For why?" she asked.

"Because I occupy the next room; because we are both victims of fickle fortune; because we should feel sorry for each other; because I feel more sorry for you than you can for me."

"I hardly understand you, sir," she said as she slowly put out her hand.

"You are trying to make a living, I take it?"

"Yes."

"And I am fighting poverty in hopes to live a few years longer, though why I should care to live another week I do not know. The bond of poverty is between us. Let us be friends."

That night, instead of taking his meal at a cheap restaurant, he brought home a loaf of bread and some sausage. Instead of going out to hunt up a cheap place, she went out for a bit of butter and a jar of marmalade. They had dinner together in her room. It was the first of many meals.

The colonel and the young lady got to be very good friends. They counseled with each other; they cheered and encouraged each other; they deceived each other, or tried to, as to what the future had in store. The woman suffered most, and yet she was the bravest hearted. From almost the first day of their meeting they looked forward to certain things. Some day the last of his friends would disappear and his precarious income would cease altogether. He would die before asking a stranger for charity. Some day the disease eating at her lungs would demand the penalty, and there would be no avoiding it. They talked the matter over for an hour and then dropped it and never referred to it again. It was the black shadow in their path, and yet they fought it away. One night, a year later, the colonel came home and found the young woman in bed. The doctor had been there, and the landlady had done all she could do. It was the beginning of the end. The colonel sat down with a softer light on his face than his partner had seen there for weeks, and there was a touch of the exultant in his voice as he said:

"I have come home penniless. The last of my friends has turned his back on me. I am no beggar of alms."

"I am so sorry," she sighed.

"Say rather that you are so glad. You may linger for a month, but you have no hope of getting well."

"None whatever."

"You remember our talk of long ago? The time seemed far off then, but it is here tonight. Why should you be a month in dying? Why should I seek to live for three or four years more?"

"Yes, we had a talk," she quietly said.

"Have you any money?"

"A dime. Take it and buy you something to eat."

"Partners to the last," he said as he smiled and rubbed his hands together. "It makes it far easier where we are to go together. I will be back soon."

"And it is going to happen?" she asked as he returned with a bulky package.

"It must. Why should it not?"

"Yes—why not?"

Half an hour later the colonel sat down beside the bed and kindly said:

"We have been partners—true partners. I will sit here and hold your hand while we sleep."

They found them thus—the police—the fearful landlady—the bustling corner—the reporters.

"They simply fell asleep," said the corner. "The fumes of charcoal always leave that peaceful, restful look on the human face."

M. QUAD.

## THE NAVAL PROGRAMME

## Newberry Asks Four Monster Battleships

## AND FOUR SCOUT CRUISERS

## And 10 Destroyers Recommended—Wants

## Three Colliers and Four Submarines.

## —Desirable to Have Squadron

## of Eight Dreadnoughts.

Washington, Jan. 8.—About \$75,000,000 would be required to carry out the program for increasing the navy as outlined to the House committee on naval affairs yesterday by Secretary Newberry of the navy department. Four battleships of 25,000 tons are asked for in addition to four scout cruisers, four submarines, ten destroyers, three colliers, one repair ship and one ammunition ship.

Secretary Newberry told the committee that the new battleships should be of the heavy, single-calibre, all big gun type, and added that it was desirable that a squadron of eight of these ships be completed as soon as possible.

## FOULKE URGES LIBEL SUIT.

## Bonaparte, However, Has Found No

## Authority.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The report has gained credence that Mr. William Dudley Foulke, who is now in this city, is desirous that criminal action against some of the persons responsible for circulating charges as to the purchase of the Panama Canal be pushed, and that he has come to Washington to set the machinery in motion. In this connection it was rumored that Attorney General Bonaparte has found no law under which he can proceed criminally against the detractors of the president, but that Mr. Foulke urged Mr. Bonaparte not to drop the investigation, but to bring action, if possible. When asked about this, Mr. Foulke said that he had not urged Mr. Bonaparte to do anything, with particular emphasis on "Mr. Bonaparte." He did not care to talk as to whether he had discussed criminal prosecutions with the president, but insisted that his real mission at the White House was to discuss the census bill.

## U. S. WHEAT PRODUCER.

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## and Consumes 100,000,000.

Washington, Jan. 8.—A change in commercial sentiment which now permits the exportation of wheat products in their unmanufactured state is essential if the United States reaches its highest possibilities in the marketing of the chief products of its farms, asserts M. H. Davis, a special agent of this government who has spent the last seven months investigating the conditions of the flour trade in European countries.

## EVERYBODY HEARS

## OF AFRICAN TRIP

## The President Talks Over His Excursion

## With All Comers—Another Traveler

## Calls.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The president talks with nearly all his visitors these days about the hunting trip or scientific expedition which he is about to make in Africa.

To Senator Dooliver of Iowa yesterday morning he deprecated the notion that he is going to try and make a record in the number of big animals slain during his trip. Beyond securing one or two specimens, he said, it would be necessary for a rhinoceros, for example, to attack him first, or he would not shoot at him at all.

Senator Dooliver called to invite the president to attend the annual dinner of the Iowa society in New York on March 10. Mr. Roosevelt said he would be unable to attend because of his departure for Africa soon after the date of the dinner.

Peter Macquenn, a traveler, war correspondent and mountain climber, who has recently returned from a trip through German and British East Africa, where he traversed a part of the territory which will be visited by Mr. Roosevelt this year, called at the White House yesterday. He is well known to the president, for he accompanied the Rough Riders during a part of the campaign in Cuba as a war correspondent.

"I found the president well informed about all parts of the country he will visit this year," said Mr. Macquenn. "It is really marvelous how thoroughly he has mastered the facts. I told him about my experiences in climbing the highest mountain in Africa, Kilimanjaro, in German East Africa. This beautiful mountain is 19,000 feet high. With my photographer I got within 400 feet of the top. The photographer fell and broke three ribs and I had to give up the attempt to climb the remaining distance."

"The president wants to get to Africa before the rainy season is over, so that he will see the country under all conditions. The rainy season ends in June, and he will have at least a month there before the dry season begins."

"The president is to be entertained in Africa by some of the most noted men there."

"Sir Alfred Pease, who has a farm of 10,000 acres, 200 miles inland from Mombasa, will have the president at his splendid place, as will also Mr. McMillan, a nephew of the late Senator McMillan of Michigan, who is conducting some wonderful experiments in crossing the zebra with donkeys."

"Yes, the president will find elephants on the route he will take from Mombasa to Cairo. The king of Uganda, a fine young native, told me that last year ninety-nine elephants were killed in the region around Lake Kioga, in the heart of the Uganda country."

A Serviceable Cement Silo.

The accompanying illustration shows a picture of a cement silo 18 by 40 feet, eight feet in the ground, which brings the bottom on a level with the

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- 25 Sack Suits, heavy Scotch Tweeds and Cheviots, regular \$10.00 to \$22.00 value, your choice 4 99
- 30 Men's Suits, Cheviots and Fancy Worsteds, sizes 34 to 44, regular \$10.00 value, Quick Money Sale Price 7 79
- 40 Men's Suits, Cheviots and Fancy Worsteds, sizes 34 to 46, regular \$12.00 and \$13.50 value, Quick Money Sale Price 8 79
- 25 Men's Suits, Cheviots and Fancy Worsteds, sizes 34 to 50, regular \$15.00 and \$16.50 value, Quick Money Sale Price 11 79
- 30 Men's Suits, Fancy Worsteds and Cheviots, Hart, Schaffner & Marx and Morse-made, \$18.00 and \$20.00 value 14 79
- 35 Men's Suits, Worsteds and Cheviots, sizes 34 to 44, Hart, Schaffner & Marx and Morse-made, regular \$22.00 and \$25.00 value 16 79

## Overcoats.

- 15 short length Overcoats, light color, sizes 34 to 37, regular \$10.00 to \$15.00 value, Quick Money Sale Price \$4 79
- 15 single and double-breasted heavy-weight Overcoats, fancy patterns, regular \$15.00 to \$20.00 value 7 79
- A lot of regular and Chesterfield length Overcoats, of great value 7 79
- 25 regular \$12.00 and \$13.50 Overcoats, Worsteds, Kerseys, Vicunas and Oxfords, regular and Chesterfield lengths, Quick Money Sale Price 8 79
- 25 Hart, Schaffner & Marx and Morse-made Overcoats, regular value \$15.00 and \$16.50, Quick Money Sale Price 11 79
- 22 Hart, Schaffner & Marx and Morse-made Overcoats, regular value \$18.00 and \$20.00, Quick Money Sale Price 14 79
- 24 Hart, Schaffner & Marx and Morse-made Overcoats, regular value \$22.00 and \$25.00, Quick Money Sale Price 16 79

## Rain Coats.

- Regular \$10.00 Morse-made Rain Coats \$7 79
- Regular \$12.00 extra good Rain Coats 8 79
- Regular \$15.00 Rain Coats, extra good grade 11 79
- Regular \$18.00 and \$20.00 Hart, Schaffner & Marx Rain Coats 15 79
- Regular \$22.00 and \$25.00 Hart, Schaffner & Marx Rain Coats 16 89

## Jackets and Vests

- Working Men's Heavy Jackets and Vests, fleece-lined, just the thing for outdoor work, regular value \$3.00 \$2 49
- A better grade of Working Men's Jackets and Vests, regular value \$4.50 3 79

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Then there are a large number of \$15.00 and \$16.50 Hart, Schaffner & Marx and Morse made Suits and Overcoats which are marked at \$11.79, and they're real \$15.00 and \$16.50 garments.

Again, that's what we mean by the Quick Money Sale being honest. And throughout the entire stock it's just the same way.

Here it is, not only big values, but good clothes as well—worth even more than they cost. We know all this and you will when you come in and see the goods.

## Top Coats

- 8 light-weight Covert Cloth Top Coats, sizes 34 to 38, regular value \$7.50, Quick Money Sale Price \$3 49
- 20 light-weight Covert Cloth Top Coats, sizes 33 to 46, regular value \$10.00 Quick Money Sale Price 7 79
- 15 Top Coats, regular price \$12.00 and \$13.50, sizes 34 to 44, Quick Money Sale Price 8 79
- 20 Top Coats, regular price \$15.00 and \$16.50, sizes 34 to 42, Quick Money Sale Price 11 79
- 18 Top Coats, regular price \$18.00 and \$20.00, sizes 34 to 48, Quick Money Sale Price 14 79

## Reefers

- Regular \$4.50 and \$5.00 Men's Reefers \$3 79
- Regular \$7.50 Men's Reefers 5 89
- Regular \$9.50 Men's Reefers 6 79
- A few \$12.50 Reefers 9 79

## Coon Fur Coats

- 1 regular \$45.00 Coon Coat, Quick Money Sale Price \$34 75
- 2 regular \$50.00 Coon Coats, Quick Money Sale Price, each 40 50
- 2 regular \$65.00 Coon Coats, Quick Money Sale Price, each 53 25
- 1 regular \$75.00 Coon Coat, Quick Money Sale Price 59 75
- 1 regular \$80.00 Coon Coat, Quick Money Sale Price 59 75
- 3 regular \$95.00 Coon Coats, Quick Money Sale Price, each 78 25
- 2 regular \$115.00 Coon Coats, Quick Money Sale Price, each 88 50
- 1 regular \$125.00 Coon Coat, Quick Money Sale Price 103 50

## Pants.

- 50 pairs Men's \$1.50 Working Pants, Sale Price \$1 17
- 50 pairs Men's \$2.00 Working Pants, Sale Price 1 59
- 25 pairs Men's \$2.50 and \$2.75 Working and Dress Pants, Sale Price 2 19
- 40 pairs Men's \$3.00 Working and Dress Pants, Sale Price 2 39
- 25 pairs Men's \$3.50 Dress Pants, Sale Price 2 69
- 35 pairs Men's \$4.00 Dress Pants, Sale Price 2 89
- 30 pairs Men's \$4.50 and \$5.00 Dress Pants, Sale Price 3 89
- 25 pairs Men's \$5.50 and \$6.00 Dress Pants, Sale Price 4 79

## Men's Ulsters and Coats

- Regular \$10.00 Frieze Ulsters, Quick Money Sale Price \$7 79
- Regular \$12.00 Frieze Ulsters, Quick Money Sale Price 8 79
- Regular \$13.50 Frieze Ulsters, Quick Money Sale Price 9 79
- Regular \$15.50 Buffalo Cloth Storm Coats, Quick Money Sale Price 9 79

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## "ANOTHER LAWLESS ACT"

Senator Culberson Assails the President

DENOUNCES HIS MESSAGE

On the Steel Corporation—He Asks Committee to Continue Inquiry—Representatives Have Replied to Secret Service Message.

Washington, Jan. 8.—In the Senate yesterday, Senator Culberson made a brief reply to the president, saying that he had directed Attorney General Bonaparte not to reply to the Senate's resolution of inquiry concerning the merger of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company with the United States Steel corporation.

Mr. Culberson characterized this as "another arbitrary and lawless act which," he said, "had been traced to the chief magistrate of the country,

"who" he continued, "is not only solemnly obligated to obey the law himself, but to see that others do so."

Mr. Culberson introduced a resolution introducing the committee on the judiciary to report to the Senate as soon as practicable whether in the opinion of that committee the president was authorized to permit the absorption of the Tennessee Iron and Steel corporation by the United States Steel corporation, and then proceeded with his remarks.

He said the president's position in denying that Congress had authority to direct a head of a department by a resolution of inquiry "is characteristic of the distinguished occupant of the White House and it is a corollary of

the main dogma that he is absolved from any legal restraint whatever."

The Perkins special committee will report a resolution to the House tomorrow advising that body what action to take with regard to the references made by the president to the secret service and Congress in his annual message.

Representative Tawney of Minnesota, Fitzgerald of New York, Smith of Iowa and Sherry of Kentucky are to reply to the president's criticism of them which he made in special message to the House on Monday.

On next Monday Senator Foraker will speak in the Senate on the "latest phases of the Brownsville affair," according to a notice given by him today.

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A CEMENT BLOCK SILO.

cow barn floor. This is probably the best and handiest silo in Missouri. Reinforcement was put in, in the form of bar wire in the mortar joint between each course. Blocks were 8 by 8 by 24 inches and made on face